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Hearing: The Science of Prevention

Members to Assess Nuclear and Biological Attack Countermeasures

WHO: Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack
Chairman John Linder (R-GA)

WHEN: 2 p.m., Thursday, September 14, 2006

WHERE: 1311 Longworth House Office Building

WITNESSES

PANEL I

Dr. John Marburger
Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy
Executive Office of the President

Jay M. Cohen
Under Secretary for Science and Technology
Department of Homeland Security

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Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office
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PANEL II

Dr. William Happer
Cyrus Fogg Brackett Professor of Physics
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Dr. Ronald M. Atlas
Past President
American Society of Microbiology

BACKGROUND

Shortly after 9/11, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) was tasked with developing countermeasures against nuclear and biological attack. The Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack will hold a hearing to determine what has been accomplished and what still needs to be done five years later. This hearing will examine homeland security research and development priorities and progress in the Science and Technology Directorate and the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office at DHS.